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EX-TREASURER IS INDICTED

Grand Jury Finds Bill Against John B. Meserve.

CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Retention of Interest on a Part of School Fund of the State Deposited in Stock Yards National Bank at South Omaha is Alleged.

Omaha, Jan. 24.—John B. Meserve, former treasurer of the state of Nebraska, has been indicted by the grand jury in Douglas county on the charge of embezzlement of money belonging to the state school fund.

The indictment, with four bills against other persons, was handed in to Judge Baker yesterday just before the grand jury was finally discharged by the court. The case of the former Populist state treasurer was taken up and investigated by the grand jury last Tuesday, when a number of witnesses who were supposed to have knowledge of the questionable transactions were summoned to appear before the jury. These witnesses were mostly officers and employees of the Union Stock Yards National bank of South Omaha.

It is difficult to learn the facts brought out in the grand jury room, but sufficient information has been gleaned to show that evidence was adduced to indicate that Meserve, as state treasurer, had on deposit at the Union Stock Yards National bank a large sum belonging to the state school fund, on which he had been paid interest, which had not been credited up to the school fund.

HORN HELD FOR MURDER.

Said to Have Confessed Killing of Willie Nickell and Others.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 24.—Tom Horn, the scout, Indian fighter and stock detective, who was arrested ten days ago, charged with the murder of Willie Nickell, son of an Iron Mountain ranchman, who was assassinated last July near his father's place, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday and he was held for trial in the district court without bond on the charge of murder in the first degree. The testimony of the prosecution was of the most sensational nature. Deputy Marshal La Fors, Deputy Sheriff L. E. Snow and Stenographer Charles J. Ohnhaus testified that they heard Horn confess that he killed the boy, as well as ranchmen William Powell and Charles Lewis, who were assassinated near Iron Mountain eight years ago.

Dryden for Senator.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 24.—The Republican caucus to select a candidate for United States senator to be supported during the present session of the legislature to succeed the late Senator Bewell, selected on the 19th ballot John F. Dryden of Newark, president of the Prudential Insurance company. Mr. Dryden on the 19th ballot received exactly the necessary 33 votes. His principal rivals were State Senator Stokes of Cumberland county and former United States Attorney General John W. Griggs.

Senator Beveridge Speaks.

Indianapolis, Jan. 24.—Senator Beveridge last night addressed the Indiana Editorial association at its annual banquet. He said: "In our colonial policy our hands are to the plow and we will not turn back until the last sod is turned. We will modify and determine our tariff as existing conditions may demand and not otherwise. We will build up our commerce until the merchant marine of this glorious republic sails over every sea."

Gunboat Ordered to Colon.

Washington, Jan. 24.—As a result of the renewed activity of the liberal forces of Colombia on the isthmus of Panama Secretary Long has ordered the gunboat Marietta to proceed to Colon on the gulf side, in order to cooperate with the cruiser Philadelphia at Panama on the Pacific side, in keeping a close watch on any developments which may threaten United States interests or treaty rights and in stopping them when they take that course.

Cables Authority to Sell Islands.

Copenhagen, Jan. 24.—Authority to sign the Danish West Indies treaty was cabled to the Danish minister at Washington, C. Brun, yesterday. It is expected that the treaty will be signed today. It is understood here that it will be immediately transmitted to the senate. Its prompt ratification is expected.

Brothers' Feud Ends in Murder.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Robert McFetridge, the wealthy ice dealer who was shot Wednesday night by his brother, William, as a result of a business feud, died yesterday. William McFetridge denies all knowledge of the shooting, although there were a number of people who saw him shoot his brother down.

Fighter Kills Saloonkeeper.

Muscatoine, Ia., Jan. 24.—Tom Morgan, proprietor of a saloon, was shot to death by "Kid" Noble, a prize fighter. Noble is still at large. He is known in sporting circles in Iowa as a fighter and gambler.

MURDERED IN BATH HOUSE

St. Louis Millionaire is Killed and Police Arrest the Negro Attendant.

St. Louis, Jan. 24.—A. Dean Cooper, the millionaire treasurer of the Graham Paper company, died yesterday as the result of an assault in which his skull was fractured while in the cooling room of the Vista Turkish bath house at Grand and Franklin avenues. William Strother, the negro attendant at the bath house, is held as a prisoner at the Dayton street police station.

A diamond ring valued at \$1,500 and a diamond pin worn by Cooper when he entered the bath house were found in the basement of the bath house. They had been concealed under the flooring in a crevice above the top of a joist.

A sledge hammer bearing fresh blood stains was found in the basement soon after the police had been summoned to the scene of the assault. The hammer was one which is used in the basement for breaking up coal.

Developments in connection with the murder as the day progressed were sensational in the extreme. It became known that Strother was in need of money, \$500 or more, to reclaim his home from mortgage sale. The negro told a startling sensational story of the alleged true character of the bath house and the story was in a degree corroborated by a statement from the police that they had been making secret investigation and were going to raid and close up the place. Strother stoutly maintains his innocence, but the police are entirely confident that they have the right man in custody.

DEFENSE RECEIVES HEARING.

Witnesses Testify to Mrs. Richardson's Good Character.

Plattsburg, Mo., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Adeline H. Richardson's defense was begun yesterday in her trial here for the murder of her husband, Frank W. Richardson, at Savannah. It was shown that Mrs. Richardson's trips about the streets of Savannah after night in company with Stewart Fife were to find her husband. Johnnie Richardson, 14 years old, the first witness called by the defense, told of going with his mother at 11:30 at night to find his father, and how, after Fife had located him intoxicated in a hotel, Mrs. Richardson had gone there and taken him home. This was corroborated by Mrs. Gertrude Grant, a sister of the dead man, and by the hotel proprietor. Others told of Mrs. Richardson's good character. They were Rev. John Atwill, a rector of the church where Mrs. Richardson attended and who had lived at the Richardson home; Rev. A. R. Hunt and Peter Christiansen, the latter a member of the grand jury that indicted Mrs. Richardson. Bruce Statton testified that he made tracks in the snow about the Richardson house on the night of the murder while examining the premises.

CANE SUGAR HAS HEARING.

Louisiana Interests Presented at Cuban Reciprocity Hearing.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Cuban reciprocity hearings before the ways and means committee yesterday were devoted chiefly to the cane sugar interests of Louisiana, who are opposing the proposed concessions to Cuba on the ground that it will cripple the sugar production of that state. A large number of large planters and manufacturers of the state were present and the allied interests of beet sugar and tobacco, which are similarly opposed to concessions to Cuba, were also numerously represented.

The opening statement in behalf of the cane sugar interests was made by J. D. Hill of New Orleans, an extensive planter. He asserted that the sugar trust was behind the Cuban movement and presented statistics to show that the result of concessions to Cuba would make the sugar trust the real beneficiary, constituting that organization a colossal monopoly in Cuba.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Timothy C. Harrington, member of parliament, has been re-elected lord mayor of Dublin.

Michael Sheehan, who was the oldest person in Kansas City, died Thursday, aged 103 years.

Representative Brownlow of the First Tennessee district was renominated for congress.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of E. R. Sizer to be postmaster at Lincoln, Neb.

Seven bandits robbed the entire town of Santa Rosa, N. M. A posse afterwards killed three of them.

Joseph Higginbotham, colored, was convicted at Lynchburg, Va., of criminal assault upon Mrs. Ralph Webber and was sentenced to be hanged on Feb. 24. He pleaded guilty.

Former Secretary of State John W. Foster appeared before the senate committee on immigration Thursday and spoke in opposition to the Chinese exclusion bills which have been introduced in congress.

The body of Mrs. Isabella Allen of White Plains, N. Y., was found in a clump of bushes near her home Thursday. She had evidently been murdered, for her head was battered in and badly mutilated.

Danny Daugherty was knocked out in the fourth round by Harry Forbes at the West End club, St. Louis, Thursday in what was scheduled as a 15-round bout for the bantam championship of the country.



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